Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: അനാശാസ്യമെന്ന് മെമ്പർ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതു് നീണ്ടകരപ്പാലം പണിനടത്തിയതാണൊ, അതല്ല പണം ഡൈവർട്ട് ചെയ്തതാണൊ?

Mr J. John Kattakayam: മറ്റു സംഗതികളെപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ പ്രതിവാദിക്കാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലെന്നു പ്രസിഡൻറു പറയുന്നതിനാൽ തല്ക്കാലം ഇതധികം സംസാരിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

President: In connection with supplementary demands, I have to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the discussions for or against are to be confined to points which are related or which are at issue. I cannot allow the Honourable members to discuss on questions which have no bearing on the demand now before the House.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ ഞാൻ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചതിൽ കൂടുതലായി എനിക്കു ഒന്നുംതന്നെ പറയുവാൻ ഇല്ല.

President: Moved that Government be granted a supplementary sum of Rs. 8,200 under Demand-II Public Works for the construction of masonry boundary pillars at Neendakara Anchorage.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND V—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 10,445 under Demand V—Agriculture and Fisheries.

President: It would facilitate discussion and perhaps help the allotment of funds by Honourable members if the three items are referred to separately. Some members may be willing to vote for one item, some others may be in favour of two items and others in favour of all the three items. Therefore, it would be convenient if the Honourable member while moving the demand confines his speech to item No. 1, *viz.*, the appointment of Marketing Officers and staff.

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, the first item is the appointment of Marketing Officers and staff. The amount required for the purpose is Rs. 3,440. The idea of Government is to appoint two Marketing Officers, one on Rs. 200-10/2-250 and the other on Rs. 100-10/2-150 with a small staff of a peon and a clerk to each of the Officers. One of the Officers will be in charge of all matters relating to crops and the other Officer will be in charge of live-stock, animal-husbandary products, poultry, eggs and fish. The proposal for

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he appointment of Marketing Officers is based on the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Agriculture in India, the Indian Central Banking Enquiry Committee and the Provincial Economic Conference of 1934. The Royal Commission, after a careful study of the existing methods of marketing in India of agricultural produce, found that the average Indian cultivator is a small holder who produced only small quantities of surplus produce for sale. They also found that the cultivator in India seldom got an adequate return for his labour. This was mainly due to his ignorance of the conditions obtaining in consuming centres. It was therefore not possible to stimulate production or effect any improvements in the quality of the products they made The Royal Commission therefore recommended to the Government of India that the Government should go to the rescue of the cultivators by instituting a careful enquiry into the existing methods of marketing, detecting the difficulties and demonstrating improvements.

The Indian Central Banking Enquiry Committee also endorsed this view. In 1934 there was a Provincial Economic Conference. They expressed the view that of all the practical measures for improving the economic conditions an intensive programme to develop marketing facilities for agricultural products offers the best immediate prospects of substantial results. Acting on these recommendations the Government of India decided to appoint a staff of Marketing Officers consisting of a Marketing Expert, five senior Marketing Officers, two junior Marketing Officers and 10 Assistant Marketing Officers. The Provinces also resolved to appoint for each Province a Marketing Officer and three or four Assistant Marketing Officers. The Government of India then decided to send the Marketing Expert to all the Provinces and the States in India so that he may explain to the various Provinces and States the importance of the scheme. Mr. Livingstone, the Marketing Expert, during his tours in South India visited Travancore, saw the Dewan, the Chief Secretary and other important officers and also the representatives of commercial concerns at Alleppey and members of the Chamber of Commerce and had a full discussion with them. He also explained to them the importance of the scheme. Government realised the value of the scheme and therefore they have decided to appoint a Marketing staff. The Indian States like Hyderabad, Mysore, Baroda and Cochin have already made appointments and when we also make the appointments there will be a chain of Marketing Officers connecting every part of India to the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research and to one another so that they can collect information on various matters relating to the agricultural products of the country and exchange ideas and work with a common aim for the good of the whole of India. What

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they propose to do is to conduct a marketing survey of all the localities beginning from one end of the country to the other. When the marketing survey of one locality is over a report on the same will be prepared and when all the localities are completed they will put all the facts and prepare a consolidated report for the whole of India. Such a report will set out in detail the present marketing methods of all commodities not only in each Province and State but also in respect of inter-Provincial, inter-State and foreign trade so that it will present an All-India picture of the existing conditions which will give us a basis for our future work.

Mr. E. P. Varghese (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the present Department of Agriculture and Industries will not be able to supply all the information to the Imperial Central Committee?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: No, there is no agency attached to the Agricultural Department to collect all the information which they require.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know the functions that are attended to by the present Trade Agent at Bombay?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: He is engaged in advertising our goods and securing orders for people interested in the export of their goods.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know whether the Trade Agent at Bombay has nothing to do with the marketing of the products of Travancore?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: He has to do marketing work to the extent to which I have referred.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know the extent, please?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: He will advertise Travancore goods in the markets of Northern India and secure orders for exporters.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): May I know the nature of the qualifications of the Marketing Officers?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: I shall, for the information of the members of the House, read out the qualifications prescribed for the Marketing Officers by the Government of India. The persons appointed as Marketing Officers in the Provinces should be accustomed to a rural environment and show an aptitude for agriculture. They should possess a University Degree in Agriculture Veterinary Science, Commerce or Economics or the M. R. G. V. S. Diploma or be graduates or licentiates of an Indian Agricultural or Veterinary College or hold the Indian Dairy Diploma.

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Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know the number of Inspectors now attached to the Agricultural Department?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: We have got 11 Inspectors.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know the work turned out by these Agricultural Inspectors?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: They are carrying on propaganda for the popularisation of new methods in agriculture. Some are in charge of farms also.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know from the member the nature of the work actually done by each of these Inspectors in the department?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: The details are all published in the annual report.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know from the member whether these Agricultural Inspectors may not be entrusted with this work on account of the present economic depression?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: This is an additional work. We want separate officers to do separate functions.

President: These functions have no relation with the Agricultural Department proper.

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: They will present an All-India picture of the situation. These reports will also give suggestions with regard to the standards, grading, packing and other things. This Central Organisation will also secure for us concessions in the matter of transporting goods by ships as well as by rail. In fact if we co-operate with the Government of India and other Indian States in this matter we will get great benefits in the matter of marketing our agricultural products.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know from the member whether by appointing these Marketing Officers they will be able to find a better market for our cocoanut?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Not only for cocoanuts but for all other products.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: May I know from the member whether he is in a position to assure the House that by the appointment of the Marketing Officers we will get a better market for the cocoanut products?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Yes.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankaran: To what extent? Has he got any statistics?

President: Statistics even before the work is begun?

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Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman (*Nominated*): മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേർസിനെ നിയമിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ അവർ കൃഷിഡയറക്ടരുടെ കീഴിലാണൊ, അതല്ല ദിവാൻജിയുടെ കീഴിലാണൊ ഇരിക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: ഇൻഡ്യയിലുള്ള എല്ലാ പ്രവിശ്യകളിലും മറ്റു നാട്ടരാജ്യങ്ങളിലും ഗവണ്മെൻറ് അഫ് ഇൻഡ്യയിലും കൃഷിഡയറക്ടരുടെ കീഴിലാണ് അവരെ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. അതുപോലെതന്നെ ആയിരിക്കും തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലും നിയമിക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman: അവരുടെ കൺട്രോളിലാണൊ ഇവിടെയുള്ള എല്ലാ മാക്കറുകളും സ്ഥിതിചെയ്യേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നത്?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: ഈ രാജ്യത്തുള്ള എല്ലാ മാക്കറുകളേയും സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള കാര്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ച് ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് അറിവുകൊടുക്കുക, അതിനെപ്പറ്റി മറ്റു രാജ്യങ്ങളുമായി എഴുത്തുകുത്തു നടത്തുക, നമ്മുടെ നാട്ടിലുണ്ടാകുന്ന സാധനങ്ങൾക്ക് ശരിയായവില കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുക, നമ്മുടെ സാധനങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള ഗുണത്തെ വർദ്ധിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു വരിക, മുതലായ സംഗതികളാണ് മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേർസ് ചെയ്യാൻ ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നത്.

Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman: ഈ രാജ്യത്തു എവിടെയെങ്കിലും മാക്കറുകൾ സ്ഥാപിക്കണമെന്നൊ മാറണമെന്നൊ ഉള്ള വല്ല കാര്യങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചും ഈ മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേർസിന് ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുമൊ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: ഇപ്പോൾ ആവക സംഗതികൾകൂടി ചെയ്യണമെന്നു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ല. മുമ്പ് പ്രസ്താവിച്ച ജോലികൾ ചെയ്തുവരുന്നതോടുകൂടി ഈ വക കാര്യങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റിയും ആലോചിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: I beg to oppose this motion.

President: I have not yet put the motion.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Do the Government of India work in... .. ...

President: Moved that a sum of Rs. 3,440 be granted under Demand V—Agriculture and Fisheries, for the appointment of Marketing Officers and staff.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: I beg to oppose this motion. In the first place I may point out that this proposal was brought to the lower House and it was rejected there.

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Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Mavelikara and Karthikapalli cum Kunnattur*): I rise to a point of order.

President: It is always unparliamentary to bring on the floor of one House discussions which have taken place and rejected in the other House.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: The member on the other side of the House said that in other States such appointments were made and so we had to follow suit. I beg to point out that there is a large staff attached to the Agricultural Department and from the answer to the question I put, it is seen that there are eight Agricultural Inspectors attached to the department. With all credit to the department I can say that there is absolutely no work so far as these Agricultural Inspectors are concerned. There is an Inspector at Neyyattinkara and no special work is assigned to him except to go round on circuit and make speeches about agriculture. Excepting that there is absolutely no other work.

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: If these Agricultural Inspectors had no work, may I know why the grant for that was not rejected at the annual Budget Session?

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: That is a different matter.

President: It is a very relevant matter.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Even at the time of the Budget Session I pointed out that the Agricultural Department is a white elephant and that is doing no work at all.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Does not the member know that this House is not permitted to make any reduction in the demand?

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Yes. I oppose the demand on another ground also. The qualifications required for the Marketing Officers are identical with those of the Agricultural Inspectors. During these hard days it is only fair that the present officers attend to this work. We have appointed a Trade Agent at Bombay. How the Trade Agent is working and how he is helping us is known to all of us.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I inform the member that the functions of the Trade Agent and the Marketing Officers vary fundamentally?

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Yes. By these new appointments we are not going to gain anything. We have got one Trade Agent at Bombay and we know the work he is doing. Certain articles were published in the local papers about his work. Articles sent to the Trade Agent at Bombay were simply returned. Letters were not answered. To so many queries made by private gentlemen, especially those engaged in commerce, no reply was received.

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Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Does it follow that because the Trade Agent has not done his work properly the Marketing Officers also should follow suit?

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: Yes, it is our experience.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Is it the opinion of the member that because the Trade Agent is not functioning properly there should not be any Marketing Officers?

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: It is not necessary that separate appointments should be made. The duties of the proposed Marketing Officers could be assigned to the Agricultural Inspectors. We have got Agricultural Inspectors without any work and they are idling away their whole time. I think that this work can advantageously be done by the Agricultural Inspectors along with their present work. So I oppose this demand.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I rise to oppose this demand; but before I do so I have to offer a word of personal explanation. Although in a different capacity, as a member of the Finance Committee, I lent my support to this demand. The full-fledged debate elsewhere on this subject and other circumstances induce me now to adopt a different view. I think there is no justification or necessity for Government to maintain two sets of officers, the Trade Agent and the Marketing Officers, whose duties and functions, considerably overlap each other. The Industrial and Economic survey of the country or the exploring of its various resources which the proposed Marketing Officers are expected to undertake could very well be carried on through the various departments of Government. If the Directors of the Industrial and Agricultural Departments and other allied departments do only care to do their duties properly, I think, Government need not incur any additional expenditure for the creation of these new posts. Sir, we have now as our Trade Agent a gentleman in Bombay, who has absolutely no knowledge of this country and its resources and who is not known even in the place of his birth; and our State has not in the least secured any advantage by his appointment. Those who had been to Bombay recently give us only very discouraging accounts of his activities and achievements. The one and the only result of the appointment of the Trade Agent has been that constant demands have been made on our Treasury for the disbursement of his salary and other expenses connected with his tours, dinners and messing charges. I learn, Sir, that this State had to pay even for the dinners he gave at Bombay and also for his messing charges in the Mascot Hotel; and perhaps the Director of Industries may be complaining that all allotments for contingency set apart for his department have been completely wiped off to meet the extravagant expenses of this gentleman.

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President : Is that an argument in favour of the relaxation of his duty, his dinners and his visits ?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, even if these Marketing Officers are appointed, we are sure that they will be likewise wasting our money without bringing any corresponding benefit to us. Sir, we cannot but feel astonished and laugh when we are told that on several occasions articles sent to the Trade Agent either at his instance or at the instance of the Director of Industries were not even delivered, as such an individual is not known anywhere in Bombay either to the Postal or to the Railway authorities and our Government had to pay damages to the persons who despatched the articles. All his achievements till now, we are told, consist in selling a few hundreds of our cocoanuts and some ivory articles worth about Rs. 200 or so.

Why should, I ask, such an officer be allowed to grow fat at the expense of the Travancore tax-payer? Most of us are aware why he is appointed and for what he is appointed. In all these matters the less said the better.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I know from the member whether the remedy lies in the abolition of the post or in the appointment of competent men ?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : The remedy I think, lies in the first.

The Government always come forward with proposals for the creation of new offices to be filled with useless men who could not bring any benefit to the tax-payer for the money that is expended on their maintenance. This House cannot give its vote to such demands. With these few words I oppose this demand.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : Well, Sir, I rise to support the motion ; but it must not be understood that I am endorsing every official act. As this is only a supplementary demand that is placed before us, this is not the occasion to offer any criticism on the policy of Government and to point out the vagaries of any department. Some of my non-official Hon'ble friends have misunderstood the proposed Marketing Officer as being an officer who is going to control markets in the concrete. Some of them have taken it that the functions of the proposed Marketing Officers are the same as what the Division Peishkars are doing in connection with markets. Others are thinking that he is some big Hilter in the economic world who would regulate marketing in the abstract. Certainly marketing will be governed hereafter by the laws of supply and demand as heretofore. But in view of the Dewan's address yesterday, and in view of the earlier utterance of His Excellency the Viceroy in opening the Central Legislature, it is

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highly necessary that Travancore, the advanced State, must co-operate with British India in all the matters that tend to promote the welfare of the masses. Now, if I am permitted to say, I would state that much more than political reform that we expect in the future the one important thing that attracts the attention of the people of British India and Indian India is the attempt made officially by the Government of India, by His Excellency the Viceroy and also the non-officials led by Mahatma Gandhi for the resuscitation of cottage industries, for making better facilities for marketing and other movements in the economic world. Therefore, it would not reflect very well on the sense of understanding of the people of this country if this State is not going to co-operate with the Government of India in the general economic scheme, because some of us are discontented with some of the officers of the State. And so, with all the strength that I can command I would support the scheme, at the same time bringing to the attention of Government the fact that there is a very great discontent regarding appointment of officers by Government. The Government must have noted that even some of us who spoke against the demand are not really against improving the marketing facilities but that we are against the ways of Government in making sinecure appointments which they have been doing for the past so many years. (*Hear, hear*). I would also suggest to Government that it would not be very hard for the Government to spare some of the high grade officers of the Industrial or the Agricultural Department to do this new work. I find there are a number of experts in these departments, experts in hybernation who could be entrusted with this work and I would even say that this House would not shed tears if the Director of Agriculture himself is deputed to do this work however much, we may miss the amiable personality of Mr. Parameswaran Pillai for a while here. With these few words I support the demand.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, the issue before the House is whether we need Marketing Officers or not. My Hon'ble friends who now opposed the grant are all of them of the opinion, I should think, that the Marketing Officers are absolutely necessary. All that they stated was that the Trade Agent in Bombay was not doing his work properly and that the Agricultural Inspectors would do the work of Marketing Officers and so on and so forth. If I understand them properly they are all agreed in the fact that Marketing Officers are necessary. Further, if they should think that it is not necessary, I am sure that a perusal of the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture or that of the Travancore Economic Depression Enquiry Committee or the Report of the Travancore Banking Enquiry Committee would reveal to them the necessity for improving

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our markets and to bring them into line with those regulated markets in British India. Sir, the functions of the Marketing Officer have been thoroughly discussed and elaborately explained in these reports. My friend Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai agreed with me in thinking that the remedy does not lie in the abolition of the appointment but in the appointment of really competent officers. The mere fact that a Trade Agent, as have been already said, does not do his work properly need not, therefore, be an incentive for us to oppose this demand. Sir, the complaint of the agriculturists that they do not get a fair value for their products has been before us for a long time. And as one who have served in the Banking Enquiry Committee which toured throughout Travancore and got evidence, I can assure the Hon'ble members that this cry was raised by almost all the witnesses that gave evidence before the Committee. The Economic Depression Enquiry Committee also are of opinion that this cry should be removed in order that the prosperity of the agriculturists may soon come. They say: "In our opinion, it is necessary to make proper arrangements for safeguarding and developing our home markets in India." "For the marketing of our goods" says Professor Gopala Menon, "I do not look beyond the seas at all ; nor do I care to, because this sort of experience must teach us that those markets are not for us always. It is better to work under known conditions. It is often forgotten that in India, with its 352 million consumers, comprising one-fifth of the human race, we have one of the most enormous home markets in the world." If, therefore, Sir, we have to take advantage of the enormous home markets in India we have to depend upon the Indian markets for the sale of our agricultural products. Is it not therefore necessary for us to fall into line with the work that they are doing and thus take the best advantage of the wisdom of those people who are doing this work properly on these lines. Is it not necessary, therefore, that we should also appoint Marketing Officers so that they may derive the best advantage from the information from those marketing centres and thus give us the benefit of their advantages so that our agricultural products may also fetch a higher price for us? Therefore I do not think that the appointment of the Marketing Officers is after all opposed in spirit by any one on this side of the House. With these few words, I support the motion.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : I support the motion for this demand, because, the object of this motion is to find out a remedy to relieve the present economic depression. One of the means for relieving the present economic depression is to find out proper markets for our raw products. The poor agriculturists cannot be

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expected to go round the world to find out suitable markets for his articles. In the absence of proper Trade agents in foreign places our raw products will not get proper sale. We could not sell or consume in this country all the raw products. So it is highly necessary in the interests of the agriculturists to appoint Marketing Officers. The fact that neither the Trade Agent nor the Agricultural Inspectors do their work properly is no reason for refusing the appointment of Marketing Officers. In this connection I would request the Government that special care should be taken in selecting the officers to be appointed so that no complaints about them would be raised about their work in future. With these few words, I support the motion.

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon: മാക്കറ്റിംഗ് ആഫീസേഴ്സിന്റെ നിയമനത്തെപ്പറ്റി ഇവിടെ പലക്കും അഭിപ്രായവ്യത്യാസമുള്ളതായിട്ടാണ കാണുന്നത്. ഇവിടത്തെ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടായിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന കുഴപ്പങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിൽ വച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഈ കാര്യത്തിൽ അഭിപ്രായം ചിലർ പുറപ്പെടുവിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. ഈ സാമ്പത്തികാധഃപതനകാലത്തു് ഈ രാജ്യത്തെ ഉല്പന്നങ്ങൾക്കു ശരിയായ വിലകിട്ടുന്നതിനു് എന്താണ വഴി എന്നു് ആലോചിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. ഇൻഡ്യാസാമ്രാജ്യം ഒട്ടുക്കു് അസംസ്കൃതസാധനങ്ങൾക്കു ശരിയായ മാർക്കറ്റ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നതിനു പരിശ്രമിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണു്. ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഇൻഡ്യാഗവണ്മെൻറുമായി യോജിച്ചു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നതിനു കിട്ടിയ അവസരത്തെ ഒരിക്കലും പാഴാക്കിക്കളയുവാൻ പാടുള്ളതല്ല.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: ഈ രാജ്യത്തുള്ള സാധനങ്ങൾക്കു പുറമെ വില കണ്ടുപിടിക്കുന്നതിനു നമുക്കു ഒരു ടെയിഡ് ഏജൻറ് ഉണ്ടെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി അറിയാമൊ?

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon: മെമ്പർക്കറിവുള്ളതുപോലെ ആ സംഗതി എനിക്കും അറിയാം. ടെയിഡ് ഏജൻറിനെപ്പറ്റി പറയുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളാം. ടെയിഡ് ഏജൻറിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തി എന്തെല്ലാമാണെന്നു് ഇപ്പോൾ നമുക്കറിയാൻ പാടില്ലാതിരിക്കുന്നു. ഞാൻ അറിഞ്ഞിടത്തോളം അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രവൃത്തികൊണ്ടു് നമുക്കു് ആദായമായിട്ടുള്ളതാണെന്നു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. ഒരു അബദ്ധം വന്നുകഴിഞ്ഞാൽ പിന്നീടു് ആ മാതിരി അബദ്ധം വരാതിരിക്കത്തക്കവിധത്തിൽ അതിനെ പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനാണെല്ലൊ നാം പരിശ്രമം ചെയ്തുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

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Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ടെയിഡ് എജൻറിന്റെ ഇ തുവരെയുള്ള പ്രവർത്തനംകൊണ്ടു ഈ രാജ്യത്തിനു എന്തെങ്കിലും ഗുണമുണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon: മെമ്പർക്കു അറിയാമെന്നുള്ളതിനേക്കാൾ കൂടുതലായി എനിക്കൊന്നും അറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi : ടെയിഡ് എജൻറ് ഉദ്യോഗം നിർത്തൽ ചെയ്തിട്ട് ആ പണം മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേഴ്സിനെ നിയമിക്കുന്നതിനു വിനിയോഗിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon : അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് എനിക്കു വിരോധമില്ല. മാക്കറിംഗ ആഫീസേഴ്സ് അത്യാവശ്യമാണൊ എന്നാണു് ഈ സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ പര്യാലോചിക്കേണ്ടതു്. അവരുടെ നിയമനം വളരെ അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നാണു് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്.

Mr. J. John kattakayam. : ടെയിഡ് എജൻറ് ഉദ്യോഗം നിർത്തിയിട്ടു മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേർസിനെ നിയമിക്കരുതോ?

Mr. M. N. Narayana Menon : ടെയിഡ് എജൻറിനെപ്പറ്റിയുള്ള സംഗതി വരുമ്പോൾ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പ്രസ്താവിക്കാം. മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേഴ്സ് നമുക്കു് അത്യാവശ്യമാണു്. ഇൻഡ്യാഗവണ്മെൻറുമായി യോജിച്ചു പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള അവസരം ഇതാണു്. ഇൻഡ്യൻ അഗ്രികൾച്ചർ ഇൻസ്റ്റിറ്റ്യൂട്ടിൽ നടന്ന സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു പങ്കു് എടുക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടാണു നമ്മുടെ കാപ്പിക്കു് എന്തെങ്കിലും ഗുണം കിട്ടുമെന്നു ആശിക്കാൻ ഇടവന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ നമുക്കു മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേഴ്സ് അവശ്യമില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞാൽ അവർക്കു നമ്മെപ്പറ്റി നല്ലതരത്തിലുള്ള അഭിപ്രായം ഉണ്ടാകുന്നതല്ല.

തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനത്തിൽ പല പരാതികളും ഉണ്ടു്. ആ സംഗതി ഇവിടെ മറച്ചുവയ്ക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല. മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസേഴ്സിന്റെ നിയമനം വരുമ്പോൾ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് അക്കാര്യം വളരെ സൂക്ഷിച്ചുതന്നെ ചെയ്യണം. ഈവക സംഗതികളിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു ദിവാൻജിയുടെ ഇന്നലത്തെ പ്രസംഗത്തിൽതന്നെ പ്രസ്താവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അടുത്ത ഒന്നാംതീയതിമുതൽ ഉദ്യോഗനിയമനവിഷയത്തിൽ നാലു ലക്ഷം രൂപാ മിച്ചംവരുത്താൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നു അദ്ദേഹം ഉറപ്പുപറയുന്നു. രാജ്യം സാമ്പത്തി

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കാധഃപതനത്തിൽ അകപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറ് കായ്മായി പ്രവത്തിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ സംഗതികളും നാം യോജിച്ചു തന്നെ പ്രവത്തിക്കണം. ഈ മാക്കറിംഗ് ആഫീസറന്മാർ അത്യാവശ്യമാണെന്നു പ്രസ്താവിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു ഈ ഗ്രാൻറിനെ ഞാൻ അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : I demand a poll.

A poll was taken and the House divided as follows :

AYES—28.

1	Mr.	S. Adam Sait	17	Mr.	K. Padmanabha Panickar
2	,,	Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi	18	,,	K. Parameswaran Pillai
3	,,	R. Dhanukoti Pillai	19	,,	Kayalam Parameswaran Pillai
4	,,	M. Govindan	20	,,	S. Piraviperumal Pillai
5	,,	M. Govinda Pillai	21	,,	K. Rama Varma Raja
6	,,	C. M. Joseph	22	,,	Komilezhathu Sankaran
7	,,	K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad	23	,,	K. Sankaralingam Pillai
8	,,	A. Kumara Pillai	24	,,	James Simpson
9	Rao Sahib	Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai	25	,,	R. M. Statham
10	Mr.	Tariatu Kunjitomman	26	,,	G. B. E. Truscott
11	,,	L. A. Lampard	27	,,	E. P. Varghese, and
12	,,	K. Madhavan Pillai	28	,,	A. N. Visvanatha Pillai
13	,,	H. O. L. Marikar			
14	,,	G. Narayana Aiyar			
15	,,	M. N. Narayana Menon			
16	,,	R. Nilakanta Pillai			

NOES—4.

1	Mr.	M. P. Madhavan Pillai	4	Mr.	M. N. Parameswaran Pillai
2	,,	N. K. Padmanabha Pillai			
3	,,	P. Padmanabhan Tampi			

NEUTRALS—2.

1. Mr. V, S. Arumukham Pillai, and
2. ,, J. John Kattakayam.

The demand was declared carried, 28 voting *for*, 4 *against* and 2 remaining *neutral*.

The grant was made.

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Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,005 to pay study leave and lodging allowances to Mr. A. Narayanan Nayar, Inspector of Fisheries, who is now undergoing an advanced course of training in fisheries in America.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the amount of the grant is thousand five hundred or thousand five?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Only one thousand and five.

President: Does it appear as thousand five hundred in your paper, Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai?

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: No, Sir; the Director of Agriculture said thousand five hundred, as I heard it.

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: Mr. Narayanan Nayar went to America on study leave for one year to undergo an advanced course of training in Fisheries and to take the M. Sc. Degree in that Science. When he was about to complete the first year of training, his Professor advised him to undergo training for a further period of five months so that he may get a thorough grasp of all the sciences allied to Fisheries. So, he applied for extension of five months' leave. Government have sanctioned the leave. During the period of five months, he has to be paid study leave allowance and lodging allowance. For that purpose, a sum of Rs. 1,005 is required. I request the House to sanction the amount.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I ask whether Mr. Narayanan Nayar was sent by Government or whether he has gone of his own accord?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: He went to America on study leave. He is undergoing training at his own cost drawing only the allowance admissible under the rules relating to study leave.

Mr. E. P. Varghese: Did any other gentleman apply, from the same department, to go to America for this training, under these terms?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai: No.

Mr. P. Padmanabhan Tampi: May I know whether anybody else applied for study leave for this purpose?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, how is this relevant to the point at issue?

President: They want to know whether Government had been partial to this gentleman in choosing him for this training.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: But, has it anything to do with the supplementary grant now before the House?

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President : No ; still, we generally allow some freedom.

Mr P. Padmanabhan Tampi : May I know whether anybody else was prepared to go to America for this purpose at his own expense?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : I do not know ; I have not made enquiries about it.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, I rise to move for an additional grant not exceeding Rs. 6,000 for the supply of salt at concessional rates to the fish curers.

There was an allotment, in the budget for the current year, of Rs. 10,000, for supply of salt to fish curers at concessional rate, of which Rs. 1,165 was diverted to another item, *viz.*, survey of the position of stake net sites in the backwaters of Ashtamudi and Vembanad. The weather conditions, so far, during this year, have been very favourable for catching fish. Therefore, there is nothing now left in the provision originally made. Unless an additional grant of at least Rs. 6,000 is provided under this item the poor fishermen will be put to great loss. So, I request the House to sanction this grant.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi : May I ask whether the Government have considered the feasibility of allowing *bona fide* fishermen to manufacture salt for their purposes, as is done by the Government of India ?

Mr. K. Paramesvaran Pillai : I do not think Government have considered that question so far.

The demand was then put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMAND VI—LAND REVENUE.

President : Mr. George, who ought to move this grant, has been confined to bed. I have therefore permitted Mr. Kumara Pillai to move it.

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Sir, I move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 3,000, under Demand VI—Land Revenue, for law charges in connection with the acquisition of lands for markets.

Government had already provided a sum of Rs. 7,500 in the budget for this year ; but that amount was exhausted during the first two months of the year. The Land Revenue Commissioner reports that the Quilon Division Peishkar has sent in a requisition for an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 to make payments to the

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